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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A coupling for a pipe, the coupling comprising: a housing of a relatively rigid plastics material, said housing having a bore therein; a retainer for retaining said pipe within said housing; and a layer of a relatively deformable material moulded onto at least a part of both an inner and outer surface of said housing, wherein said layer on said inner surface is adapted to form a seal with an outside of said pipe.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) A coupling according to Claim 21, wherein said layer on said inner surface provides a tapering surface.

8, 4. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said retainer is formed integrally with said housing.

5. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 1, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.

6. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 5, wherein said pipe has a corrugated external surface, and wherein said catch member is adapted to engage between said corrugations.

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7. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said outer surface includes a part formed on external ledge of said housing to provide a seal with a cooperating member.

8. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said outer surface includes a part that provides a manual gripping region.

9. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said layer on said inner and outer surfaces is continuous with one another.

10. (Previously presented) A coupling according to Claim 1, wherein said deformable material is an elastomeric material.

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11. (Previously presented) A coupling for connecting one end of a corrugated pipe to a cooperating member, said coupling comprising: a rigid housing of tubular shape having two spring catches on opposite sides adapted to engage between corrugations on an outside of said pipe inserted within the coupling; and a continuous layer of a deformable material bonded with both an inside and outside of said housing to form an internal, tapering sealing surface adapted to seal with an outside of said pipe, an external annular sealing member, adapted to seal with the cooperating member, and an external gripping region.

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12. (Currently amended) An assembly of comprising a corrugated pipe and a coupling, the coupling comprising: a housing of a relatively rigid plastics material, said housing having a bore therein; retaining means for retaining said pipe with said housing; and a layer of a relatively deformable material moulded onto at least a part of both an inner and outer surface of said housing, wherein said layer on said inside surface forms a seal with an outside surface of said pipe in said bore.

13. (Currently amended) A method of forming a coupling comprising the steps of: injecting a first material of a relatively hard plastics material to form a housing of said coupling with an integral retainer; and subsequently injecting a second, softer material to form a layer on said harder material both on an inside and outside of said housing; wherein said layer on said inside of said housing is adapted to form a seal with an outside of a pipe.

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14. (Currently amended) A coupling according to claim 21, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member to engage a projection on said pipe.

15. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 3, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.

16. (Previously presented) A coupling according to claim 4, wherein said retainer includes at least one resilient catch member adapted to engage a projection on said pipe.